

**THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC-CENTRAL AMERICA-UNITED STATES
FREE TRADE AGREEMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

DECISION NO. 8

**IN REFERENCE TO THE DETERMINATION OF THE NUMBER OF
PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF THE SECRETARIAT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
MATTERS**

Pursuant to paragraph 2(a) of the Understanding regarding the Establishment of a Secretariat for Environmental Matters (SEM) under the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR) and Article 4.1 of the Agreement Establishing a Secretariat for Environmental Matters under the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement (Secretariat Agreement), the Environmental Affairs Council (Council) established under Article 17.5.1 of the CAFTA-DR,

Having received and considered a recommendation from the General Coordinator of the Secretariat that states "the SEM finds it reasonable that at this time, there be up to four professional staff: General Coordinator, Technical Assistant, Administrative and Operations Manager and a Legal Officer,"

Reaffirming that all appointments of persons to the professional staff must follow the procedure set forth in Article 4.4 of the Secretariat Agreement,

Emphasizing in particular the sentence in Article 4.4 of the Secretariat Agreement that states "subject to the direction of the Council, the General Coordinator may determine the duties and conditions of service of professional staff," and

Confirming that the appointment of any professional staff is subject to the availability of funding,

Hereby

DIRECTS:

The Secretariat to provide it with a description of the duties and conditions of service of all current professional staff; and

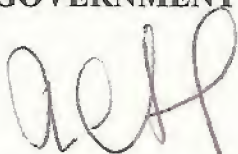
DECIDES:

That the professional staff of the SEM, in addition to the already appointed General Coordinator and Technical Assistant to the General Coordinator, may be augmented by the addition of two persons; and

That each recommendation to the Council by the General Coordinator to appoint a new person to the professional staff be based on the current needs of the Secretariat, contain a detailed description of the functions that the new hired person will perform and the curriculum vitae of the person the General Coordinator is recommending for appointment, and confirm the availability of sufficient funds to support this position for the duration of the contract.

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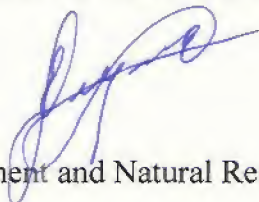
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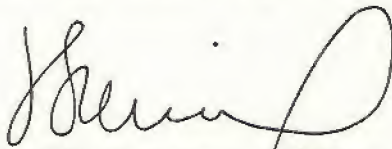
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